It may not be improper here to take notice, that as the Meaſures of the Dwarf were ſaid to be taken with his Cloaths on, theſe of the Child were alſo taken over his Cloaths; and they (being a tight Stay and Petticoat) probably ſit cloſer to his Body, and therefore make leſs Difference in the meaſuring round his Waiſt (the only Dimenſion wherein it could have any Effect) than the looſer Coat or Waiſtcoat of the Dwarf.

XI. *Part of a Letter from* Robert More *Eſq; to Mr.* W. Watſon *F. R. S. concerning the Method of gathering* Manna *near* Naples.

Read June 21. 1750.

AT *Arienzo*, a Town between *Naples* and *Benevento*, I found an Aſh-Coppice, of 8 or 10 Years Growth, from which they collect *Manna*. It ſeemed to have been tapped two Years for that Purpoſe; the Branches had been barked each Year about an Inch broad, and two Feet high; but they told me this was done by an Inch at a time.

They place a Cup at the Bottom of the Wound, which they empty every five Days This Liquor becomes *Manna*. They formerly let it dry upon the Tree; but the preſent way keeps it cleaner. The Manna begins to run (they ſay in the Scripture Style to *rain*) the Beginning of *Auguſt*; and if the Seaſon proves dry, they gather it 5 or 6 Weeks. The King of *Naples* has ſo large a Revenue from it, that he is extremely jealous of it, during the Seaſon guards

guards the Woods by *Sbirri*, who even fire upon People that come into them, and he makes the ſtealing of the Liquor Death. The Seaſon in which I was at *Arienzo* prevented my ſeeing the Species of Aſh. I believe it to be what our Gardeners call the flowering Aſh; the Complexion of the Bark and Bud agrees with one of them I have in my Garden at *Lindley*. The Man who ſhew'd me the Wood, told me, it bore a pretty Flower in the Spring. —— At *Piſa* in the Phyſic-Garden they ſhew'd me that Tree in Bloom as the Manna-Aſh. The Tree is indeed common enough in that Neighbourhood: I wonder Mr. *Ray* does not mention it among the Plants found there by him. The *Italians* call it *Orno*. A Botaniſt at *Rome* told me it was the *Ornus Officinarum*. A Phyſician at *Benevento* to the ſame Purpoſe, that it was the *Ornus* uſed in Medicine. A Perſon is gone from *Rome* to *Naples*, who has promiſed to be very particular in getting you Information of their Manner of curing it. He was bred a Chemiſt, and told me many Ways of counterfeiting the ſeveral Appearances of it. The moſt common is with *Glauber*'s Salts and Sugar, with a ſmall Mixture of Manna. The Price of Manna at *Naples*, they told me, was 4 *Carlins* (4½*d.* Sterling each) the *Rotolo* (32 Ounces).